PROGRAMME

(All events will take place in the Wroxton Suite on the second floor unless otherwise stated)

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 1993

4.00 pm Dave Lally will be showing some videos. Whether this is in The Woxton Suite or in the video room (The Waverley suite) on the sixth floor, depends upon technical availabilities. Watch for notices.

7.00 pm Opening Ceremony - just the usual, introduce the GOH, committee, you volunteer as gophers (please!) and present any last minute inspirations.

7.45 pm Julian Headlong is to present us with his talk on "I am Spock's Liver".

9.00 pm University Challenge Round 1. Dave Cox's fiendish SF quiz in the University Challenge style.

10.15 pm Book Launches/Andromeda Party. Novacon 23 is proud to present the launch of not one book but two. Firstly our GOH Stephen Baxter's new book FLUX and secondly the graphic novel of David Gemmell's LEGEND, with artwork by our own Fangorn. Back by popular demand is the Andromeda party/signing session. Oh by the way, there will be some free booze courtesy of Harper Collins, Legend and of course Andromeda.

12.00 midnight Film 1. GAS-S-S-S, OR HOW IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DESTROY THE WORLD IN ORDER TO SAVE IT. See film notes.

Dave Lally has agreed to put on a 24-hour video programme over the weekend, this will take place in the Waverley Suite on the sixth floor. So go along and keep all the other insomniacs company.

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER 1993

10.00 am Jack Cohen will give us another of his inimitable talks, this time on "How not to build a dinosaur - or why Jurassic Park wouldn't work".

11.15 pm Book Auction. Rog Peyton will - in his own individual style, persuade, browbeat, con or just generally encourage you to part with your cash in return for some priceless (!) works of literature.

1.15 pm We are sorry to announce that due to continuing ill health Bob Shaw will not be with us this weekend but Al Johnston has nobly agreed to step into the breech and give us a talk based around his Phannish Fizzicks.
Thanks Al.

2.30 pm University Challenge Round 2.

3.30 pm Guest Of Honour Speech. Stephen Baxter gives us his talk and insights into the writing of hard SF.

4.45 pm Panel. Discussion on "Why the lack of Ethnic Minorities in SF".

6.00 pm Crystal Balls. Kev Clarke and Steve Green host the return of the Novacon silly game (which will have a flavour of the infamous "Krapton Factor" circa 1984 and maybe even some of the same folk taking part - some people never learn).

8.00 pm Film 2 SNEAKERS - see film notes.

(after the film there will be a break to allow the following item set up time).

10.30 pm Live Band - Bad Influence. Come along and bop or just listen to the sounds of rock and R&B.

1.30 am Film 3 - A 3-D presentation of THE CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON. See film notes.

(Don't forget the 24-hour video programme in the WAVERLEY SUITE)

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER 1993

10.00 am Ian Stewart talks to us on "How to Build a Universe".

(At 10.30 am there will be the FRIENDS OF FOUNDATION AGM in the WAVERLEY SUITE on the sixth floor, only FOF members are eligible to attend.)

11.15 am Art Auction. Remember the Art Show? (Rooms 204, 205 and 206) did you visit? If not it's too late 'cause Rog Peyton and Chris Morgan will be auctioning off the artwork.

1.15 pm Panel. Discussion between Stephen Baxter, Dave Hardy, Paul Kincaid and David V Barrett with Chris Morgan moderating on why the sudden and recent popularity of Mars as a setting for novels.

2.30 pm University Challenge Final/3rd-4th place pay off.

3.45 pm Turkey Readings. Graham Joyce, Tom Holt and others will read out to you your and their "favourite" turkeys.

5.00 pm Award Ceremony. Come along clutching your raffle tickets and see the lucky winners, see who won the Novas and who walked off with the University Challenge prizes and the Crystal Balls trophies.

6.15 pm TAFF Auction. Abi Frost and maybe Pam Wells will be auctioning off items for TAFF so if you have any dosh left come along.

7.30 pm Beer tasting. For the connoisseur and the beginner, Martin Tudor will be hosting a Beer tasting.

????? Peoples Disco. It'll start when the beer is beginning to run out. If you have any special tapes you want played bring them along, but please no rap or rave.

Well that's it. Hope you enjoy the programme and if you do any alcohol contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you have any comments let Carol Morton (or any other Committee Member) know.

FOOD AND DRINK

BREAKFAST Breakfast times are 7.30 am to 10.30 am each morning. Please note that VOUCHERS will be issued with your key card which are ONLY to be used for breakfast. If you do not receive any vouchers with your key card please let the receptionist in the first instance know or failing that a Committee Member.

HOT FOOD Cheap hot food will be available in the Lounge and Restaurant on Friday from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm and from 11.00 pm until Midnight in the Lounge only. On Saturday 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm in both the Lounge and Restaurant and from 11.00 pm until Midnight in the Lounge only. On Sunday 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm in the Lounge.

COLD FOOD Filled rolls will be available from 1.00 pm to 1.00 am in the Lounge

We have been promised a varying menu with prices from £3.75 to £1.95, burgers pies etc are available but may need to be ordered from the servery as there is insufficient room to display all available dishes. See notice board near the servery.

TEA AND COFFEE Will be available at all times until 1.00 am either from the lounge or bar.

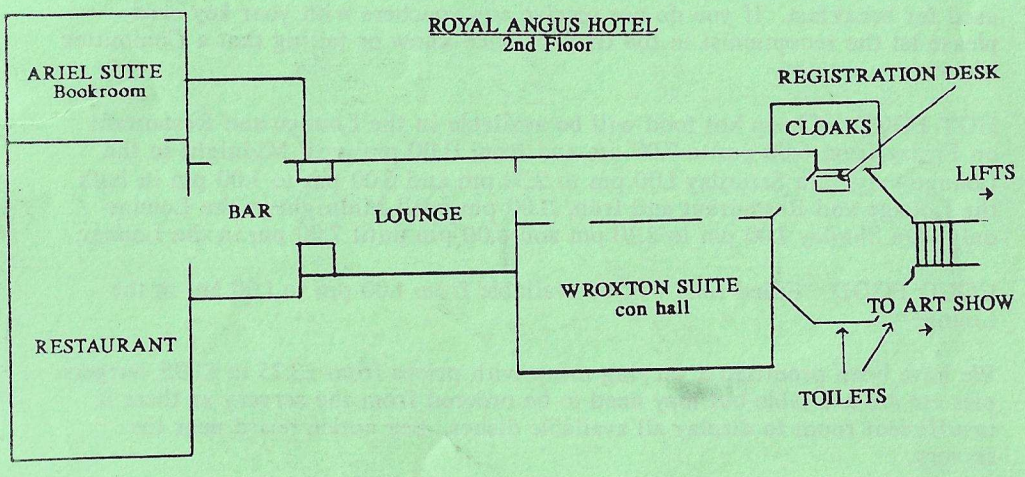
RESTAURANT Opening times 12.00 noon until 2.30 for lunch and 7.00 pm until last orders at 10.00 pm (9.30 on Sunday). On Sunday there will be a 3-course carvery available for £13.50 and a set menu Sunday Lunch for £10.

BAR Whimsey's Bar will be open from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm (with sufficient demand) for residents and 10.00 am until 2.00 am for non residents.

BOOZE The Hotel is unfortunately not able to cope with real ale but there will be Gillespies Malt Stout and Theakstons Best Bitter available and at last years prices! So there is absolutely NO EXCUSE not to drink the bar dry.

CAR PARKING Each resident should be issued with a voucher which will allow a discount of £1.90 per day off the fees in the attached NCP car park. Rates are 2 hrs £2.00, 3 hrs £3.00, 4 hrs £3.90, 6 hrs £5.00, 9 hrs £6.00, 12 hrs £6.80, 24 hrs £7.50. The night rate 6pm - 9 am £2.90. However if you park your vehicle in the car park after 6.00 pm and remove it from the car park before 9.00 am then the car parking is free.

DIRE WARNINGS Remember the Hotel is in the business of providing rooms, booze and food with a view to making a profit, they will not take too kindly therefore to anyone trying to usurp their business by either kipping out in unpaid-for rooms and bringing from outside either food or booze. So take note of this warning the Committee will NOT support you should there be any difficulty caused by actions such as these. The warning about booze is especially significant this year as we are asking members to bring in bottles of beer for the beer tasting. So if you do bring in the odd bottle for the beer tasting PLEASE leave it at the registration desk on your arrival as we have come to an arrangement about corkage with the Hotel.



SECOND FLOOR

Convention Hall - The Wroxton Suite
Art Show - Rooms 204, 205 and 206
Book Room - The Ariel Suite

SIXTH FLOOR

Video Room - Waverley Suite

Writer's Workshop will be in the Board Room on the sixth floor from 10.00 am on both Saturday and Sunday Mornings.